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Remarks:

In response to the Office action mailed January 19, 2006, and made Final, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 13-22 and 29-33 in view of the above-noted amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by newly cited Svensson, U.S. Patent No. 3,987,593. The Examiner has characterized Svensson as disclosing a conventional antenna tower reinforcement including a plurality of spacer elements attached to the tower, at least one stiffening member spaced equally apart about the circumference of the tower and attached to at least two of the plurality of spacer elements such that the stiffening member reinforces the tower and in which at least one of the spacer elements is attached to the tower by welding.

Next, the Examiner has rejected claims 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Silber, U.S. published Application No. 2005/0166521. The Examiner characterizes Silber as disclosing an antenna tower reinforcement that includes at least one stiffening member attached to the antenna tower such that the stiffening member reinforces the tower and a shell attached to the at least one stiffening member and having a cross-sectional shape larger than that of the tower at any height of the shell. The Examiner concedes that Silber does not disclose a shell having a shape to that of the antenna tower but concludes that it would have been obvious to one of skill in the art to recognize a cross-sectional shape similar to that of the tower and that such the ordinary artisan would have been so motivated to make such a modification.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contention and conclusion. However, in an effort to move the present application on to allowance and issue, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-12 and 23-28 and has amended claim 32 and cancelled claim 34 accordingly. Applicant submits that the structure as now claimed in pending claims 13-22 and 29-33 is not disclosed in any of the art of record and that these claims are allowable over this art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully and earnestly solicits early indication of allowance of the present application.

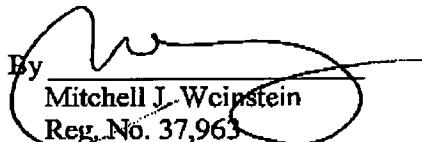
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Applicant submits that no fees are due in connection with the present AMENDMENT C. If, however, there are any fees due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2035. Should any petition(s) be necessary, Applicant requests that this paper constitute any such petition(s).

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application, or address any outstanding formal issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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